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[11](#). (U) CLASSIFIED BY A/DCM KATHERINE VAN DE VATE FOR
REASON 1.5(E).

[12](#). (S) Summary and action request: The local agent for
Trimble Navigation has alleged that the Trimble
offices in the Jebel Ali Free Port have provided GPS
equipment to Iran and will provide digital levelers to

Iran for use in leveling missile platforms. (Note: Further details are being provided to DOC septel for investigative purposes. End Note.) We understand that the levelers are of German manufacture and may be sourced from Germany. We would appreciate Department's guidance on how to proceed. Department may want to approach the German government for information on this sale and to attempt to stop the shipment if required. If shipment is enroute and you wish us to try and stop it, post can work with Dubai customs to ask them to hold it at the Jebel Ali Free Port. End summary and action request.

¶3. (S) On July 12, 2003, Commoff met with Mohammed Hussein Belal, owner of Mohammed Belal Trading, Dubai, UAE. Mr. Belal had previously sent a fax to the Commercial Office in the Consulate in Dubai alleging that the Jebel Ali office of Trimble Navigation, headquartered in Sunnyvale, CA, was selling equipment, including GPS equipment to Iran. He alleges that some of the equipment is destined for the Iranian missile program.

¶4. (S) Belal explained that he is the agent for Trimble surveying equipment in the UAE. He has a business acquaintance by the name of Mehdi Boroumand, who works (or worked) for Al-Danoob Electronics Co., Dubai, who recently contacted him to supply Trimble equipment to Iran. Belal informed Mehdi that he had been specifically instructed by Trimble that he could not sell Trimble products to Iran. Mehdi told him that Al-Danoob had already purchased products from Trimble's office in Jebel Ali for re-export to Iran. Mehdi said Trimble was charging exorbitant prices and hoped to get better prices from Belal. (Belal confirmed that the prices Trimble had charged in a previous sale to Al Danoob were indeed higher than his own.) Mehdi claimed that Trimble personnel in their Jebel Ali office, both British, knew that the end-destination of the equipment was Iran.

¶5. (S) Mehdi provided Comoff with invoices and other information to demonstrate prior Trimble sales to Iran. In addition, he provided, by e-mail, copies of a proforma invoice and letter of credit for the purchase of ten Trimble digital levelers (DiNi) model 12 for re-export to the National Cartographic Center in Tehran. In a separate email, Mehdi alleged that the digital levelers are for use by the Iranian military for the purpose of leveling missile platforms.

¶6. (S) The DiNi 12 digital levelers and accessories are made in Germany and may be delivered from Trimble GmbH rather than Trimble USA. The order for these products is dated January 11, 2003. The letter of credit is from the National Cartographic Center of Iran, Meraj Ave, Azadi Square, PO Box 13125-1364, Tehran, Iran, (Ph 6000031-7 Fax 60001395) and is for the benefit of Al Danoob Electronics Co. LLC, PO Box 56331, Dubai. The LC was opened on 4/24/03 in the amount of \$139,705 and will expire 11/24/03.

¶7. (S) Belal said he believes the commodities for Al Danoob would be delivered directly to Al Danoob, not to Trimble's offices in Jebel Ali.

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